

Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes for May 19, 2010

Present: Eileen Stokes, Keith Hayes, Barbara Rossi, Sue Penney, and Ed Gagne

This regularly scheduled May meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, having been advertised in the Observer-Tribune, and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board and the township webpage, was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes for April will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Applicants:

Douglas and Catherine Dietsche, 21 West Mill Road, German Valley Historic District. B34 L52, 54 Roof.

A motion to present COA – RO 05-01-10 for a vote was made by Keith Hayes and seconded by Sue Penney.

COA – RO 05-01-10 to replace the existing 3-tab asphalt shingle roof on the house and to replace the metal rear lean-to roof with dimensional architectural singles and copper flashing and metal on the lean-to and to maintain or replace in-kind all existing trimwork, fascia and soffits in regard to materials, dimensions and workmanship was approved by a unanimous rollcall vote: Yes: Gagne, Hayes, Penney, Rossi, Stokes. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Recuse:0.

Old Business:

Cell Tower on Ort Farm: At the May 5th Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, the cell tower was approved for this site. The tower will be a Faux-Silo in keeping with the farm setting.

Millers Green: Mike Davis provided a photo of a reclaimed carriage light fixture that he would like to restore and place on the front porch.

A motion to present COA RO 050210 for a vote was made by Sue Penney and seconded by Keith Hayes.

COA RO 0050210 was approved by a unanimous vote.

Floodlight: We were also asked about the lighting required to light the front stairs on the porch. For safety reasons, there needs to be some type of lighting, a floodlight was suggested by the applicant. While we understand the need for this lighting, a bare bulb floodlight fixture on the front of the building is unacceptable to the committee. We were also concerned with the glare that may be thrown off into the street. Our consensus was for a fixture that is shielded in some way to prevent stray light from shining into the street. A fixture, with as unobtrusive a design as possible, with a shielded bulb, would be

acceptable for this unique situation. We will speak with Mike Davis again to see if he can find something that suits this description.

Highlands Presbyterian Church: In the near future, the church will be requesting approval for a sign. A site visit was also proposed to see the state of deterioration; however, no members will attend the proposed Property Committee meeting on May 24.

New Business:

July Work session: The committee members were asked to review design guidelines from other commissions so that we could come up with our own standards. This will be the focus of the July work session

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 16th 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith P. Hayes
Acting Secretary

Approved: June 16, 2010
Motion by Ed Gagne. Second by Keith Hayes
Approved unanimously by Gagne, Hayes, Rossi and Stokes